(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts art made to improve the image of Income Tax Department in that State; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. SHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Income-Tax Department in Andhra Pradesh is rendering satisfactory service to the assessees.

Currency Notes rejected for use

2124. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will tne Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-

(a) what amount of currency notes of the denominations of Rs. 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and has been rejected for the use in the year 1993-94;

(b) what was the number of the currency notes; and

(c) whether Government have decided to replace above rejected current notes by Rs. 1, 2 and 5 coins?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR . ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) During the period January to December, 1993, the total value of notes withdrawn from circulation and cancelled by Reserve Bank of India was Rs. 6181 crores corresponding to 4268 million pieces.

(c) All the above currency notes withdrawn from circulation are not replaced by coins of Rs. 1, 2 and 5/- denominations. Withdrawal of notes from circulation and their replacement with notes/coins is a continuous process and the replacement need not necessarily be in the same denomination.

Composition of the Principal Bench of Settlement Commission

2125. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of the principal Bench of Settlement Commission (Income Tax and Wealth Tax), and its additional benches as per Income Tax Act;

(b) under which provisions of the Income Tax Act a post of Member can be increased or decreased (temporarily even) in the composition of any bench of said Commission;

(c) whether Government have transferred any post of Calcutta bench of said Commission to the Principal Bench of said Commission, New Delhi sometime in 1993; if so, the detailed reasons; and

(d) under which provisions of the Act such a step has been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Principal and the Additional Benches of the Settlement Commission have a Chairman and two Members each.

(b) to (d) The Government have transferred the post of a Member from the Calcutta Bench to the Delhi Bench, in order to tackle the large pendency of cases in the Delhi Bench.

Private Trusts in Different States

2126. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many registered private trusts are existing in different States;

(b) what are the details of their total capital; and

(c) what is their annual turn-over, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The documents purporting to create Private Trusts are registered under the provisions of the Registration Act, 1908. Such registration is done by the Registering Officers who function under the control and supervision of the State Governments and, hence, they are not primarily responsible to the Government of India. It is, therefore, not possible to answer this question.

Greater Autonomy to P.S.Us.

2127. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any International Conference on Financial Management and Accountability in the Public Sector was held recently in New Delhi; if so, the broad discussions/decisions taken by the Conference; and

(b) whether S.B.I. Chairman favoured greater autonomy to P S.Us. so as to enable them to compete successfully with the private sector in an era of liberalisation; if so, reaction of Government of India thereto and to other recommendations made by the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The subjects discussed at the Conference are mentioned in the enclosed statement (*See* below) Chairman, S.B.I. had addressed the Conference on 8-2-1994 on the subject of "Challenges for Public Enterprises in an era of Liberalisation". No formal recommendation was made either on this subject, or on other subjects discussed as the Conference was purely a forum for an exchange of views and ideas. The reaction of Government, therefore, does not arise.

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